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SUBJECT : Khmer Continental Plateau and Territorial Waters

REF

1. Attached are the recent Khmer legal documents pertaining to the above subjects:

a. Decree No. 439/72/PRK, dated July 1, 1971, delineating Khmer Continental Plateau with attached map. The purpose of the Decree is to supersede the Decree of 1957 and to state officially the new boundaries of the Khmer Continental Plateau taking into consideration the provisions of the Geneva Convention of April 29, 1958. The Decree will also serve as a basic document during the eventual discussions with Khmer neighbors on the conflicting claims.

b. Ordinance No. 53/72/PRK, dated August 12, 1972, proclaiming Khmer sovereignty over its territorial waters. It is divided into five sections: the first section deals with general provisions; the second with provisions applicable to all ships and with the right of inoffensive passage; the third section deals with provisions applicable to commercial vessels; the fourth with provisions applicable to Government vessels other than war ships; and the last, fifth section, with provisions applicable to war ships.

c. Decree No. 518/72/PRK, dated August 12, 1972, with attached map delimiting the Khmer territorial waters. They are fixed at 12 maritime miles with the exception of the north where the territorial waters are determined by historical boundaries.

Attachments: a/s *only attached*
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